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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 4, 2008

Dear Sir:

Please cancel claims 5, 7, 98 and 105 without prejudice and amend the claims accordance with the following CLAIM AMENDMENTS section; and consider the comments in the following REMARKS section.

Date of Deposit: May 5, 2008
I hereby certify under 37 CFR 1.8(a) that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as **first class mail** with sufficient postage on the date indicated above and is addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.
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